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To appreciate the extent and importance of the work done by the Medical Department of the Government of Hongkong one has only to take up the current number of the *Government Gazette*. Here we have a collection of reports and statistics occupying close on one hundred pages setting forth in considerable detail the nature of the work done during the year 1907. In the General Report by the Principal Medical Officer, and the Medical Officer of Health dealing with the sanitary condition of the Colony—the most striking feature is, perhaps, the proof given of the success of the Government's anti-malarial measures. These were inaugurated in 1899, but not much was done during the first year or two. A table showing the admissions for malaria to the two largest hospitals of the Colony—the Government Civil Hospital and the Tung Wah Hospital—reveals the gratifying fact that the average admissions as well as the average deaths have been substantially reduced as a result of the war against the mosquito. Taking the returns of the last five years it is seen that for the first five the average admissions into these two hospitals were 932 and the average deaths 122. During the last five years the average has fallen to 490 admissions and 74 deaths, notwith-

standing the fact that during the last two years many cases of malaria which have occurred among the men on the railway works have been brought to these hospitals for treatment. The visible increase during the last two years in the admissions to the two principal hospitals has been due to that one fact. On an average over 2,400 men were employed on the railway works last year, exclusive of European contractors and their employees, and the medical officer to the railway reports that 1,168 men were treated for malaria at the North and South Face Camps. Only 89 cases, however, were sent to hospital. Parenthetically, it may be mentioned that there is in the medical reports no indication of any doubt as to the cause of the extensive prevalence of malaria at the railway works. The layman is prone to think that the breaking of new soil gives off a malarial miasma, but the medical officers are apparently satisfied that the mosquito is entirely responsible. It may be that the breaking of the soil disturbs the peace of the mosquito who takes his revenge on the disturbers. At any rate malaria-training, in order to get rid of mosquito breeding pools, is the anti-malarial measure which the medical officers recognize as of first importance. It has not been adopted, however, at the railway works because of the great expense it would entail, but the employment of kerosene oil as a preventive of mosquito-breeding in the pools, and the administration of quinine to the men as a daily routine have combined to effect a steady decline in the number of cases. There is no room for doubt that the malaria-training which has been done on the slopes behind the city of Victoria, and the other means of warfare against the mosquito which the Government has employed during the past eight or nine years, prove their value in the reduced mortality from malaria. This reduction is very marked among the European troops. They have in the past suffered severely from malaria, but last year there were fewer cases among them than in any previous year. That the deaths from malaria among the Chinese in the city were more numerous both in 1907 and 1908 than they were in 1904 and 1905 can confidently be ascribed to the importations from the railway works at Kowloon, but the statistics afford very clear proof of the success of the anti-malarial measures adopted on the island of Hongkong and justify further expenditure on similar work. We shall probably always have malaria with us, because, as the Principal Medical Officer points out, our Chinese population is constantly receiving additions from the mainland of China, and the resident Chinese pay somewhat frequent visits to their native land. It is the Colony's misfortune to have malarial cases introduced in this way, but it is at least the Colony's business to do all that sanitary and medical science can suggest to remove the possibility of malarial infection from local conditions. The Medical Department can sincerely be congratulated on what has so far been accomplished in this direction.

Only two cases of plague figured in the return for the 18th inst. The incessant rain of Saturday stopped all local sport—two polo matches and a bowling match. At the Police Court on Saturday Mr. M. A. Rasek prosecuted a rich man for refusing to accept hire while disengaged. A fine of \$5 was imposed. The return of books registered under section 6 of Ordinance 2 of 1888, during the quarter ended 30th June, 1908, is published in the "Gazette". The current "Gazette" contains copy of an order of His Majesty-in-Council extending the provisions of the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1904, to British ships whilst on the high seas. It is reported that the restoration of China's navy will be carried out in eight years. Baiyang will be the northern area, Kwangtung the southern, and Nanyang the central. Their Majesties have asked the various ministers to devise ways and means to raise funds for the Imperial Exchequer as the Treasury is almost empty and loans are not easy to raise. The total output of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's three mines for the week ending 4th July 1908 amounted to 24,469 tons and the sales during the period to 17,250.65 tons. The Chinese Immigration Bill which was recently passed in the Canadian House of Commons provides that Chinese may only be admitted to Canada as students who have been students in China, and who come to Canada to continue their education. All such students will have to pay a head tax of \$300 upon entering the country, but this money will be refunded after the student has completed a year's study in Canada. The "Shanghai Mercury" has received news from the north from a reliable source that His Excellency Yuan Shih-kai has appointed Mr. T. H. Kingsley, formerly manager of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., general manager of the Chinese new mines at Chi-chia-kow. Our contemporary understands that these mines are the same that Sir John Jordan is now asking the Chinese to close and which the Chinese Mining and Engineering Co., Ltd. claim, but which the Chinese state they have no right to. Congressman Hobson declared in a speech before the Democratic Convention at Denver that war was inevitable between Japan and the United States. A telegram states that upon this declaration he was "mobbed"—not this time by young ladies, but by the delegates attending the Convention. Hobson has made "inevitable war with Japan" his hobby in and out of Congress in connection with his campaign for a bigger Navy. The Democratic convention declared for Japanese exclusion and that is probably the reason the speech of Hobson led to the mobbing of the speaker.

The water polo fixtures for this week, in connection with the third round of the Shield competition are:—On Wednesday at 6 p.m., Corinthians v. Royal Engineers. At 6.30 p.m., V.R.C. v. 88th Co. R.G.A. On Friday at 6 p.m. H.M.S. "Tamar" v. 87th Co. R.G.A.

Sir Nicholas Roderick O'Connor, G.C.B., K.C.B., G.O.M.G., P.C., of Dundermott, Ballymore, co. Roscommon, Ireland, some time his Majesty's Minister at Peking and Ambassador at St. Petersburg, who died on March 19, aged sixty-four, left personal estate valued at £53,850, of which £44,278 is in England.

The Viceroy at Nanking on instructions from the Waiwupai has wired and ordered the Shanghai Taotai to pay £14,000 to the Deutsch Asiatische Bank to be sent over to Berlin as an instalment of redemption of the foreign loan through Arnhold, Karberg and Co. due on the 1st July. The Shanghai Taotai has replied to the Viceroy that he has done so.—*Sinwampoo*.

The Criminal Sessions open this morning, the calendar being as follows:—(1) Wong Muk (a) Wounding with intent to commit murder; (b) Wounding with intent to maim; (c) Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm. (2) Lan Keung and Un Wai Tak, murder. (3) Tong Nam and Ng Chun, uttering an altered banknote.

The Central Government has wired to the Viceroy and Governors of Provinces notifying them that the following classes of people are debarred from starting societies for the discussion of political affairs:—Military, police, priests, professors and students, persons under the age of 20 years, women, ex-convicts, illiterates.

Last Friday the water police found the body of a man floating in the harbour, but so far have been unable to identify it. The body appeared to have been that of a man about 35 years of age, and is believed to have been in the water for at least three days. It is not thought that there has been any foul play, as there were no marks of violence on deceased.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board instructions for the guidance of the Administrative Head of the Department will be read, and correspondence will be submitted relative to the re-appointment of select committees. Further correspondence will be dealt with regarding the treatment of plague patients at the Fong Pin Hospital, Canton, and relative to the use of certain plague preventers.

The "Shanghai Times" learns that the Chinese Police of the City have succeeded in arresting a revolutionary who was concerned in the bomb outrage on the High Commissioners to the United States and Europe a couple of years ago. He was brought before the Shanghai Magistrate on the 13th inst. and it is expected that he will be conveyed to Nankin for further enquiry.

An important conference was held in Peking a week ago, between His Highness Prince Su, the Commandant of Nine Gates, and the Civil Governor of the Capital, to discuss the question of the establishment of local municipal government in Peking as a model for other cities. A copy of the proposed detailed regulations was drafted by the conference and is to be submitted to the Throne for Imperial sanction.

Those present at the Alexandra Cinema Theatre No. 2, Zetland Street, on Saturday night spent an enjoyable time. This new Variety Company opened for the first time in Hongkong on Friday night, and the favourable impression they created attracted a large attendance on Saturday, when the programme, equalled that staged on the opening night. There was an excellent display of Cinematograph pictures during the evening.

In view of Russian intervention the movements of the expeditionary force sent to suppress the Hungarians have been suspended for the time being. H. E. Hsu Shih-chang, Viceroy of Manchuria, has drafted special regulations for the operations against the Hungarians, and these regulations have been accepted by the Russian authorities. They only await the sanction of the Throne before being put into practice.

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At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board instructions for the guidance of the Administrative Head of the Department will be read, and correspondence will be submitted relative to the re-appointment of select committees. Further correspondence will be dealt with regarding the treatment of plague patients at the Fong Pin Hospital, Canton, and relative to the use of certain plague preventers.

The "Shanghai Times" learns that the Chinese Police of the City have succeeded in arresting a revolutionary who was concerned in the bomb outrage on the High Commissioners to the United States and Europe a couple of years ago. He was brought before the Shanghai Magistrate on the 13th inst. and it is expected that he will be conveyed to Nankin for further enquiry.

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TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

INDIANS IN NATAL.

LONDON, July 16th. The Pietermaritzburg Assembly has, without a division, passed the second reading of a Bill providing for no new trading licenses to be issued to Indians after 31st December, 1908, and no trading licenses to be held by Indians after that date.

BRITISH NAVAL AFFAIRS.

LONDON, July 16th. The *Chronicle* states that the British Government has decided to abandon the naval dockyard at Rosyth on the advice of the naval experts.

THE BALKANS.

LONDON, July 16th. Further military revolts have taken place at Serez and Neveropol. At Linina and Perovitch, the Turkish authorities have been expelled by Albanians, and the same has also taken place at Pristina.

SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, July 17th. Mr. Haldane, Secretary of State for War, has announced that a regiment of Cavalry, and four battalions of infantry will be withdrawn from South Africa between the 7th of September and 6th February next.

THE G. P. O.

LONDON, July 17th. Mr. Sidney Burton, Postmaster-General, states that the Post Office estimates show an anticipated surplus of three and three quarter millions sterling.

STRIKE RIOTS IN BOMBAY.

LONDON, July 17th. Fourteen hundred mill hands struck work in Bombay yesterday, and subsequently attacked the non-striking mills whose windows they smashed. Two Europeans besieged in a shop, summoned the police, who fired on the rioters with unknown casualties.

THE EULENBERG CASE.

LONDON, July 17th. The action for perjury against Prince Eulenberg has been postponed indefinitely owing to the illness of the accused.

THE BALKANS.

LONDON, July 17th. Reuters Constantinople correspondent learns that it is believed the Greek bands, which are now better organized than formerly, are acting in concert with young Turks, whose propaganda under the banner of Union and Progress, are obtaining a considerable hold on the army and intelligent Moslems.

[N.C. Daily News Service.]

JAPANESE BONDS.

Tokyo, July 15th. Foreign orders for Japan so bonds to the extent of 1,800,000 have been received in Tokyo yesterday and to-day. There is a tendency to regard this fact as a proof of renewed confidence abroad in Japanese finance.

THE JAPANESE CABINET.

Tokyo, July 14th. The programme of the Katsura Cabinet embraces the maintenance of peaceful relations with the Powers, recuperation of popular resources, maintenance of the military status quo and the favouring of commercial and industrial development.

The Cabinet stands on a national basis, not a party basis, though at the same time not affecting to ignore political parties.

BORNEO'S HIDDEN TREASURE.

Balabang Island is to be opened up for rubber breeding and coconut cultivation. The island was in old times the most active station of the East India Company, and ruins of buildings erected by the company are still to be seen. According to native rumour, the company's garrison was forced to abandon the island some time suddenly owing to the attacks of Marudu Bay pirates, and a safe containing a fortune in gold and jewels was, in the stampede, thrown down a well. Many attempts have been made to find this well, and the treasures it is supposed to hide, but none have been successful.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. & M. str. *Zefiro* left Manila on the 18th inst., and is due here to-day at 6 p.m. The *Taniguchi* steamer str. *Zimur* left Yokohama on the 17th inst., and is expected to arrive in Hongkong to-morrow. The H.A.L. str. *Istria* left Shanghai via Foochow on the 17th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on the 22nd inst. a.m. The T.G.M. str. *P. B. Luitpold* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 30th ult., left Cologne on the 17th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about 28th inst. The P.M. str. *Mongolia* sailed from Yokohama on the 18th inst., and will be due to arrive in Hongkong on the 28th inst. The C.P.B. str. *Empress of China* arrived Yokohama at 7.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 18th inst., and left again at noon same day for Nagasaki, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. to-day.

THE FLOOD.

AN INTERESTING CANTON HUMOUR.

Our Canton correspondent writes:—A rumour is current in Canton that the Japanese Government intends to donate to the flood relief fund the 200,000 taels exacted as indemnity in the "Tatsu-Maru" case, together with a further important sum. If the rumour is true it will go a long way towards removing the boycott instituted so successfully against Japanese goods.

In connection with the relief funds, Mr. Fox, our Acting British Consul-General, has been very energetic in promoting the subscription raised among the British community, and the amount bids fair to reach an important sum. All the foreign consuls are urging their nationals to subscribe.

The Chinese are busy on their side and the theatre guild has contributed over \$11,000 through performances given on behalf of the fund.

FLOOD FUND BAZAAR.

It is gratifying to record that the first bazaar undertaken by Chinese has been such an unqualified success. At least \$60,000 has been realised which is perhaps a little more than was anticipated, and this will be disbursed in rice and necessary articles for the relief of those rendered destitute by the disastrous floods.

The Committee beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the following further contributions:—Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart, cheque for \$100. The Trustees Parson's Charity Fund, \$200. cheque for... Mr. Wong Chuk Lam... \$100. Mr. Leung Yee Kok... \$200. Mr. Leung Ho Yik Yuen... \$100. Mr. Wong Tit Fai... \$50. Mr. Leung Fai Nam... \$50. Mr. Yit Yui Shang... \$50. Mr. Man Tes Ting... \$50. Mr. Mun Kwal Shan... \$50. Mr. Woon Yum Tong... \$10. Mrs. Wong Leong Shi... \$50. Mr. H. P. White... \$50.

A BIG FIRE AT CANTON.

A destructive fire broke out at 5 o'clock on Saturday morning in Ching Yuen Street close by the Imperial Chinese Post Office. It originated in a drug shop and destroyed 48 houses. The kerosene shops are close by and great excitement prevailed for a time as it was feared they would catch fire. An amusing incident occurred during the fire. Half a dozen firemen went into a tailor's shop to drink some tea. The occupants believing them to be robbers had them arrested. As soon as the arrest was known the other firemen had them released from the police station. After the fire was put out the firemen piled up over 30 hand pumps in front of the offending shop as a warning to others. The shopmen are parleying with the angry firemen for a compromise as no customers can get within twenty yards of the shop. The damage done by the fire is estimated at about \$150,000.

SHELL TRANSPORT AND TRADING COMPANY.

The report for the year 1907 states that, including the balance brought forward, but after deduction of the cost of issuing the additional capital, management, legal, and other expenses, there is a credit to profit and loss account of £719,818. From this amount preference dividends and interim dividends (absorbing £265,000) have already been paid. The value of the shares held by the company in the Batasse Petroleum Maatschappij and the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company (Limited) has been placed at the cost, as shown in the books of the company, of the properties, &c., for which the shares were received in exchange. Depreciation has been provided by the Batasse Petroleum Maatschappij and the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company (Limited). In addition to the premium of £150,000 recovered on the 300,000 new shares issued during last year, the directors have passed to reserve account a further sum of £170,000, and to reserve fund they have appropriated £100,000. There remains a balance of £278,818, from which the directors recommend that a further and final dividend for the year of 5 per cent. be paid on July 1 (making 15 per cent. for the year), leaving the sum of £263,818 to be carried forward. They also state that up to date this year's trading has been satisfactory, and an interim dividend of 5 per cent. (i.e. at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum) will be paid on July 1.

THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

The Duma adopted on the 6th ult. the Bill permitting construction of a second line of rails on the Trans-Siberian Railway from Omsk to Karytaya and assigning 15,000,000 roubles for the construction of the first section from Omsk to Irkutsk. Work on this section was begun last year by the Ministry of Communications in a manner which the Duma Committee characterised as illegal, as the Ministry contracted for a sum higher than that provisionally assigned by the Cabinet and did not wait for Parliamentary sanction for the construction. The Duma recommends that the first section of the second line be completed by the end of 1910. The estimated cost of the whole line is over 150,000,000 roubles, and the double line is to have a transit capacity of forty trains a day, 50 which twenty-four must be military. Part of the money assigned is to be devoted to levelling the hilly parts of the line. The committee recommended as an alternative an increase of the icebreakers on Lake Baikal and the construction of a double line round the lake. A small group in the Duma advocated, instead of a second line of rails, the construction of an entirely independent railway through Siberia.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

THE PRESIDENT AND SHAREHOLDERS AT VARIANCE.

A couple of weeks ago the shareholders of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company wrote a letter to Sir Chen Tang-Liang Shen requesting him to engage the destitute people who are now suffering from the disastrous flood as labourers to repair that section of the Fatsan Railway line, damaged by the flood and also, as a further measure of relief, to employ them to build the main line so as to enable them to earn a living. Sir Chen Tang-Liang Shen declined to do so, saying in support of his refusal that there would be numerous bad characters amongst the people who would cause trouble amongst the labourers and delay the work of the company. In the meantime much correspondence has passed between the shareholders and the President who adheres to his original decision. The result is a rupture between them; the President's firmness in the matter roused the temper of the shareholders who yesterday wrote an unpleasant letter to the President of which the following is a literal translation:—

"We beg respectfully to inform you that with regard to our proposal re employing the distressed people as a means of relieving them, this question is a most serious matter at the present moment and may tend to affect the peace of the Kwong Tung Province. It is a matter in which tens of thousands of people are of one mind and voice begging you on behalf of the distressed people for your sanction to the above suggestion."

"The property and business of this Company are public property and business of the entire Kwong Tung Province and is a means for its people to earn their livelihood. It is not the private property and business of the civil engineers and a handful of people who compose the staff of the Company. We trust that within the next five days you will take speedy measures to put our proposal into operation and if we do not receive your reply within the specified time that our proposal has really been put into operation, we shall draw up a statement of the crime of the directors and circulate it both in China and abroad. We shall write letters and distribute them to all the distressed people in the various districts. We shall appeal to the Board of Commerce and Board of Posts and Communications and at the same time petition to the Viceroy, Provincial Treasurer, Judge, and other high officials and will insist upon the Directors confronting those officials in the Courts to substantiate their statements in support of their refusal."

"We declare that we will not withdraw from our resolutions and we are not afraid of your power and influence. If we are unsuccessful in carrying out our object then we shall demand the return of the first call on our shares from the Company and will make use of all of it to purchase food for the distressed people. Our feelings are painful and earnest and we are still in hopes that you will give the matter your serious consideration and come to a speedy decision."

KULANGSU (AMOI) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held at the Board Room, on the 30th June 1908. Present:—Messrs. W. H. Wallace (Chairman), C. A. V. Bowra, A. F. Gardiner, W. Kruss, W. Wilson, the Health Officer and the Secretary.

1. The minutes of the last meeting are read and confirmed.
2. A letter is read from the Senior Consul enclosing copies of correspondence which has passed between the Senior Consul and the Mixed Court Magistrate concerning the hours cattle are allowed out for grazing purposes. It is decided to alter the regulation so as to read as follows:—
"From the 1st May to the 31st August, not before 7 a.m. or after 4 p.m., and from the 1st September to the 30th April, not before 8 a.m. or after 4 p.m."

In acknowledging receipt of this correspondence the Council desires to thank the Senior Consul for the terms in which he answered the Mixed Court Magistrate.

3. A letter is read from the Senior Consul informing the Council that the Consular Body approve of the resolutions passed at a special meeting of Ratepayers, held on the 16th inst.

4. The Superintendent of Police reports that the following cases have been dealt with at the Mixed Court since the last hearing:—*Summons*. Allowing cattle and pigs to stray 3. Throwing rubbish into a public drain 6. Obstructing a public road 1. Obstructing a public drain 2. Obstructing the Police in the execution of their duty 1. Assault 6. Cruelty to children 2. Contempt of Court 1. Debt 1. Obtaining money under false pretences 1. *Summary Arrests*. Being a rogue and a vagabond 3. Assault 1. Theft 4. Committing a nuisance 1. Embellishment 1.
(Signed) W. H. WALLACE, Chairman.

By order,
C. BRERLEY MITCHELL, Secretary.

PARIS AND VLADIVOSTOK EXPRESS.

The Russian Ministry of Ways of Communication has decided to run a new express train between Moscow and Warsaw, so that passengers for the Far East may be able to travel direct from Paris and Berlin to Warsaw and Moscow and thence across Siberia to Irkutsk and Vladivostok. This express train from Western Europe is to be made extraordinarily luxurious, and a great feature of the journey from Paris to Vladivostok will be that passengers will have to change carriages only twice en route; that will be in Warsaw and again in Moscow.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

The *Armand Behie*, with the French mail of the 18th June, left Saigon on Friday, the 17th instant, at 6 a.m., and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 16th May.

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Per *Lian*, from Haiphong, Messrs. Jack and Peterson.
Per *Haiman*, from Coast Ports, Mr. and Mrs. Page & 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Pym & child, Mr. Osborne.
Per *Asia*, from San Francisco, &c., Mr. and Mrs. M. H. O'Malley, Capt. and Mrs. W. H. McCormack and child, Miss L. J. Cooper, Dr. V. L. Andrews, Messrs. T. C. Anderson, Clark James, Chas. E. Ashbury, Ervin J. Bobo, Harry D. Cooper, R. A. Bowley, H. A. Whitehorn, T. T. Cookran, C. A. Blackshear and Robert B. Miller.

DEPARTED.
Per *Rubi*, for Manila, Mrs. N. Hayman, Mr. M. Goldenburg, Sister Magdalen, Rev. F. Giner, Messrs. E. H. Rafter, H. Morgan, C. A. Smith, M. Tobetchinik, E. Zack, J. Clark and Claudio Cloma.
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TO-DAY.
Alexandra Cinema-Theatre, Zetland Street, 8.15 and 10.30 p.m.
TO-MORROW.
Sale, Sunday Goods and Effects of the late Colonel Martin. Sales: Exms. Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON.	July 18th.
Telegraphic Transfer	100
Bank Bills, on demand	100
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	100
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	100
Credit, at 4 months sight	100
Documentary Bills at months sight	100
ON PARIS.	July 18th.
Bank Bills, on demand	237
Credit, at 4 months sight	237
ON GERMANY.	July 18th.
Bank Bills, on demand	185
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	185
Credit, at 4 months sight	185
ON NEW YORK.	July 18th.
Bank Bills, on demand	44
Credit, at 60 days sight	44
ON HONGKONG.	July 18th.
Telegraphic Transfer	100
Bank, on demand	100
ON CALCUTTA.	July 18th.
Telegraphic Transfer	100
Bank, on demand	100
ON SHANGHAI.	July 18th.
Bank, at sight	74
Private, 30 days sight	74
ON YOKOHAMA.	July 18th.
Bank, on demand	53
ON MANILA.	July 18th.
Bank, on demand	78
ON BATAVIA.	July 18th.
Bank, on demand	108
ON HAIPHONG.	July 18th.
Bank, on demand	54
ON BANGKOK.	July 18th.
Bank, on demand	54
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.95
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$37.40
SILVER, per 100	\$24.75

SUBSIDIARY COINS.	July 18th.
Chinese 20 cents pieces	per cent.
" 10 "	9.25
Hongkong 10 "	8.65
" 10 "	8.70

OPIUM.

Quotations are:	July 18th.
Malwa New	\$920 per picul.
Malwa Old	\$955
Malwa Old	\$970/80
Malwa V. Old	\$1010/30
Persian fine quality	\$980
Persian extra fine	\$980
Patna New	\$1065 per chest.
Patna Old	\$975
Senas New	\$975
Senas Old	\$975

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The *M.M. str. Armand Behie* with the French Mail of the 18th inst. and Mails from London of the 20th ult. left Saigon on Friday, the 17th inst. at 6 a.m., and may be expected to arrive here to-day, and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The *Indo-China str. Ladang* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 15th inst. afternoon.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The *I.G.M. str. Prinz Sigismund* left Sydney on the 30th ult. at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 22nd inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The *C.P.R. str. Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 6th inst. p.m. for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The *J.-O.-J. Lijn str. Tjibodas* left Moji for this port on the 14th inst., and may be expected here to-day at daylight.

The *N.Y.K. str. Sado Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 17th inst., and is expected here to-day.

The *Mogel Line str. Ercol* sailed from Singapore on 14th inst. for Hongkong.

The *Ben Line str. Benelux* from Antwerp, Middlesbrough and London, left Singapore on the 15th inst. for this port.

The *N.Y.K. str. Awa Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 17th inst., and is expected here on the 22nd inst.

The *H.A.L. str. Silvia* left Singapore on the 16th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on the 22nd inst. p.m.

The *E. & A. str. Eastern* from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin on the 14th inst. for Timor, Manila and this port, and is due here on the 25th inst.

The *C.P.R. str. Glenora* left Vancouver p.m. on the 2nd inst. for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From July 27th to 28th, 1908.

Day	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
	Time	Height	Time	Height
Mon. 27	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Tues. 28	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Wed. 29	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Thurs. 30	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Fri. 31	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Sat. 1	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Sun. 2	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, July 18th.

	Previous Day.	On Date	On Date
Barometer	29.57	29.66	29.80
Temperature	77	75	80
Humidity	73	64	80
Wind Direction	S	E	NW
Force	2	1	3
State	2	1	3

Highest open air Temperature on 17th.....50

Lowest open air Temperature on 17th.....81

MAIL TABLES FOR 1908.

Shows the dates of departure of the Mail, to Europe and America, and the dates of their expected arrival at their destinations, as well as the dates of return Mails.

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Hongkong, 17th January, 1908.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Alhambra	Rs 200	Nominal.
Banks		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$755, buyers
National B. of China	\$1	\$51, buyers
Bank of Communications	\$125	\$74, sellers
China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$103, sellers
China Light & P. Co.	\$101	\$94, sellers
China Provident	\$101	\$94, buyers
Cotton Mills		
Ewo	Tls. 50	Tls. 60
Hongkong	Tls. 50	Tls. 51
International	Tls. 75	Tls. 67
Loan Kung Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 93
Soyabean	Tls. 50	Tls. 242
Dairy Farm	\$6	\$194, buyers
Docks and Wharves		
W. & W. G.	\$50	\$44, sellers
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$40, sellers
New Amoy Dock	\$50	\$38, sellers
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 100	Tls. 79, buyers
Shai & H. Wharf	Tls. 100	Tls. 212
Green Island Cement	\$10	\$10.60, sellers
Hongkong & C. Gas	\$10	\$185, sales
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$18, buyers
Hongkong Hotel	\$10	\$85, sellers
Hongkong Telephone	\$10	\$220, buyers
H.K. Milling Co., Ltd.	\$100	Nominal.
In Liquidation	\$100	Nominal.
Hongkong Rope Co.	\$10	\$24, s.d., sellers
Insurance		
Canton	\$50	\$228, sellers
China Fire	\$50	\$224, buyers
China Traders	\$50	\$254, buyers
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$215, sellers
North China	\$50	\$78, sellers
Union	\$50	\$78, sellers
Yangtze	\$50	\$158, buyers
Land and Building		
Hongkong Land	\$100	\$97, buyers
Humphrey's Estate	\$10	\$10, sales
Kowloon Land & B.	\$10	\$26, buyers
Shanghai Land	Tls. 50	Tls. 122
West Point Building	\$50	\$48, sales & sel.
Mining		
Charbonnages	Fcs. 250	\$580, buyers
Raubs	18/10	\$7.
Peak Tramways	\$10	\$14.
Philippine Co.	\$10	\$2, sellers
Refineries		
China Sugar	\$100	\$130, sellers
Luxon Sugar	\$100	\$122, sellers
Steamship Companies		
China and Manila	\$25	\$15, sellers
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$38.
H. Canton & M.	\$5	\$29, sales
Indo-China S.N. Co.	\$15	\$20, sellers
Shell Transport Co.	\$1	\$46, o/d.
Star Ferry	\$10	\$25, buyers
Do. New	\$5	\$15, sellers
South China M. Post	\$5	\$23, buyers
Steam Laundry Co.	\$5	\$54, buyers
Stores & Dispensaries		
Campbell, M. & Co.	\$10	\$10.
Farren & Co., Wm.	\$10	\$21.
Watkins & Co., Wm.	\$10	\$3.
Watson & Co., A. S.	\$10	\$9, sellers
Weissmann, Ld.	\$100	\$150, buyers
United Asbestos	\$4	\$13, buyers
Do. Founders	\$10	\$24, buyers
Union Waterboat Co.	\$10	\$10, buyers

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